

ARREST OF ALLEGED LAND FRAUD CHIEF

John A. Benson, Said to Be Head of Conspirators, Arrested.

OTHER ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

Government Officials Assert Rich San Franciscan Has Swindled the Government Out of 100,000 Acres of Land.

Washington, Dec. 19.—J. A. Benson, a wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, charged by the interior department with being the head of the alleged land frauds extending over a dozen western states and territories, to which Secretary Hitchcock referred vigorously and at length in his annual report, was arrested here Friday at the Willard hotel by Secret Service Officer John A. Burns just as he was preparing to leave the city for New York. The charge on which the arrest was made was bribery, it being alleged in the warrant that Benson had paid \$500 to Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the special service division of the general land office, and now a clerk in that office, on March 15 of this year, for the purpose of extracting from him information regarding the investigation of his operations at that time being made by the land office.

The warrant was issued by United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor and as soon as Benson had been apprehended by Officer Burns he was taken before Commissioner Taylor. He wished to have a preliminary hearing of his case postponed, and the date for such hearing was fixed for December 30.

More Arrests to Follow.

The statement was made by an officer of the government Friday night that the information obtained regarding the alleged conspiracy implicates a number of persons at present employed in the interior department at Washington and elsewhere. Numerous arrests are expected to follow that of Benson in short order, and some employees who may not be arrested will be dismissed from the service. It is stated that Secretary Hitchcock and the special attorneys in the case have considered it absolutely necessary to the successful working out of the case that no action be taken with reference to any of the other alleged offenders until the principals in the case have been apprehended. Benson came to Washington in answer to devious letters and with the intention of bribing people in the land office who were in reality acting for the secret service.

Moved to Examine Reports.

The information on which the warrant was issued stated in brief that Mr. Harlan, in his capacity as chief of the special service division of the general land office, had charge of the investigation of the land frauds, sending out special agents in suspected cases of frauds and receiving the reports of such agents on the cases, and that Benson had paid to him the sum of \$500 in return for being allowed to examine the reports of the special agents in his own case.

Taken by Surprise.

Mr. Benson is said to have been taken entirely by surprise in his arrest, although he has known that the government has been investigating the alleged land frauds. He had no lawyer in Washington, and when he was taken immediately after his arrest he fore United States Commissioner Taylor a delay of an hour or more occurred while a lawyer was sought for him. Mr. Benson made a formal plea of not guilty, and then his attorney asked that he be released on bail. The accused offered bail in \$2,000 in cash, while government attorneys demanded \$10,000 for the government, saying: "This man was at the head of a great land fraud conspiracy extending over several western states. He has bribed officers of the United States in the west and in the district. Since he came to this city a few days ago he has continued his bribery. And what is more, in another case, some years ago, when he was out on bonds he left the country and went to a foreign country and remained away for several years."

Bond Fixed at \$5,000.

A heated argument followed this declaration, counsel for the defense asserting it was improper. Finally Commissioner Taylor fixed the bond at \$5,000, and Mr. Benson was released to appear December 30, when a preliminary hearing will take place. The accused declined to make any statement further than to say he would appear when wanted. Mr. Benson is the senior member of the real estate firm of Benson & Hyde, of San Francisco, and it is asserted, has defrauded the government out of at least 100,000 acres of land by various schemes, since the passage of the forest reserve act in 1897.

Returned For the Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Theodore, Jr., and Kermit Roosevelt arrived here Friday from their school at Groton, Mass. They will spend their vacation at the White House. Miss Roosevelt, who is visiting in New York, will return for Christmas.

Italy at World's Fair.

Rome, Dec. 19.—The bill providing \$120,000 to defray the expenses of Italy's participation in the St. Louis exposition was, by 162 to 59 votes, approved by the chamber of deputies Friday. The ballot was secret.

Mrs. Gen. Wood Will Sail.

New York, Dec. 19.—By special permission of the war department, Mrs. Wood, the wife of Gen. Leonard Wood, and her three-year-old son, will sail on the transport Kilpatrick, which leaves this port for Manila to-day, carrying the second United States cavalry.

Danish Battleship Destroyed.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from the Copenhagen correspondent says that the Danish battleship Iver Hvitfeldt was destroyed by fire and sank.

AGAINST SENATOR SMOOT

Second Meeting Held Looking to the Expulsion of Smoot From Senate.

Resolutions Adopted Petitioning the United States Senate to Take Action Against Mormon Senator.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The executive board of the National Union of Women's organizations, which is carrying on a campaign for the expulsion of Reed Smoot from the United States senate, held its second meeting in this city Friday. Representatives were present from the National Woman's Christian Temperance union, the International Council of Women, the New Jersey Congress of Mothers, the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers and various local women's clubs.

A resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon "all organizations of women throughout the country and all patriotic women to petition the senate of the United States for the expulsion of Reed Smoot from their honorable body."

A call was issued asking for contributions of money to be sent to Mrs. T. S. Hamlin, 1316 Connecticut avenue, Washington, D. C., to conduct the legal and educational campaign against the Mormon senator.

It was also decided to hold mass meetings in various cities, including Philadelphia, New York and New Haven, Conn.

The president of the meeting stated that counsel had been retained to assist in the movement of the organization against the Utah senator. The next meeting of the organization will be held in New York in January.

WALDEN UNIVERSITY BURNED

Inmates Jumped From the Windows in Drove and Between 25 and 40 Were Killed and Injured.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Walden University, a colored institution is burning. Students, male and female, jumped from windows. From 25 to 40 were killed and injured.

Three dead bodies have been removed from under the windows where they fell. The fire broke out in the Tennessee Central college for young women, a department of Walden university. The building was four stories high, and was occupied by about 60 students. It had no fire escapes, and a wild stampede followed the alarm.

The inmates jumped from the windows in droves, the south side of the grounds under the windows being literally lined with the injured. The greatest confusion prevailed, and it is impossible to secure any tangible details.

CHINESE TREATY RATIFIED.

For the Extension of Commercial Relations Between China and the United States.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate, in executive session, ratified the treaty "for the extension of the commercial relations" between the United States and China, and then removed the injunction of secrecy. No opposition was manifested by any senator to the treaty. Although Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, made a long speech, in which he criticized the convention as making insufficient provision for the trade of the United States. He said it indicated that the hand of Russia had been shown against this country, making it impossible for the United States to receive the concessions needed in the way of open ports. He blamed Russia for this condition of affairs and warned the senate that we may yet have trouble with that country over the Manchurian question.

WAS LEFT OUT OF THE DEAL.

Witness in the Kansas City Brick Boogie Combine Reveals Inside Workings of City Council.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—T. C. Foster revealed the inside workings of a brick combine, so-called. He was a brick paving contractor, and said he could not get a contract without paying for it, and then he balked. He said that when the contractors' agents for brick companies went into the combine in 1902 to raise the price of brick for the benefit of certain councilmen who wanted a percentage on all contracts, he was approached to join them. They told him the plan was to raise the price of brick from \$9 and \$10.50 a thousand to \$13, and make the city foot the bill. He demanded to know where the extra money was to go. He was told that some of the brick agents would handle that part of it. He refused to join the combine, and as a consequence, said he was left out of the deal and forced to take what he could get.

Flotilla at Key West.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 19.—The torpedo boat flotilla arrived at Key West Friday afternoon after a pleasant run from Port Royal, having anchored for Thursday night in Hawk Channel, Fla. The cruiser Baltimore arrived Friday morning.

King Edward to Visit Ireland.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—The Evening Herald announced on good authority that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland during the Punchestown racing week, and attend the races. They will not travel in state.

Building of a Drydock.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The secretary of the navy has sent to congress a recommendation for the building of a drydock of the Graving type on the Gulf of Mexico. Pensacola bay is pronounced the most suitable harbor. The cost is estimated at \$1,200,000.

Arrived From Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 19.—W. Morgan Shuster, collector of customs for the Philippine islands, has arrived in Washington on a three months' leave of absence.

AN HUNDRED YEARS OF AMERICAN RULE

Celebration of the Centennial of the Louisiana Transfer.

NEW ORLEANS IS THE THEATER

Review of the French and American Warships Anchored Off the City by Gov. Heard and Distinguished Guests.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Under the auspices of the state of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans and the Louisiana Historical society, the series of official celebrations in commemoration of the centennial of the transfer of the Louisiana Territory from France to the United States was begun Friday, the feature being the review by Gov. Heard and a party of distinguished guests of the French and American warships which have come here to assist in the ceremonies. Spain, which owned the territory before its cession to France, accepted an official invitation, but her warship has not yet reached the city, and her participation will be through her consul here. It was on the 20th day of December, 1803, that the French flag fluttered down from its station on the flagstaff in the Place de la Armes, opposite the Cabildo, in which the official transfer occurred, and the Stars and Stripes were hoisted, and the ceremonies will culminate on Sunday with a magnificent pontifical mass in the Old St. Louis cathedral. The grandsons of Gov. Claiborne and Gen. Williamson, who had a direct participation in the historical event of a hundred years ago, will be conspicuous in the celebration.

M. Jusserand, the French ambassador to the United States; President D. R. Francis and directors of the St. Louis fair; Judge A. B. Routhier, of the ex-chef court of Canada, and Sir E. T. Chesneau, chief of the supreme court of the Dominion, have come to assist in the celebration.

The United States government has designated Admiral Wise to represent the federal authority. All the courts, public offices, and schools have closed for the occasion. The celebration began with a reception at the city hall, where Mayor Capdeville received the distinguished guests of the city and state. At noon the governor, the mayor and the visiting guests boarded the United States steamer Stranger and steamed around the fleet anchoring near the Minneapolis, the flagship of Admiral Wise's squadron. A number of official calls were then made by Gov. Heard and his staff.

OBSERVED IN IOWA.

All the Schools of Iowa Celebrated Louisiana Purchase Centennial.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 19.—One hundred years ago Friday occurred the formal transfer of Iowa as a part of the Louisiana Territory to the United States. In commemoration of that event, 13,000 schools of the Hawkeye state are holding special services. Under the direction of Gov. Cummins and State Supt. Barrett, a 32-page pamphlet was issued in October from the department of education and sent to every school in the state. It contained historical events, extracts from celebrated speeches, poems of western pioneer life and information and facts concerning the exposition to be held at St. Louis next year. The plans and outlines suggested in the pamphlet were carried out. In Des Moines, work in the schools and colleges was suspended and the day given up to a celebration of the purchase anniversary. Addresses by prominent educators was a feature.

CAPTURED BY ST. LOUISANS.

Eames & Young, of St. Louis, the Successful Architects for Government Building in France.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The board of architects selected to pass on the merits of the several competitive plans submitted for the new customhouse and sub-treasury buildings in San Francisco has selected those presented by Eames & Young, of St. Louis, Mo. This firm will receive five per cent. of the total amount to be expended, which is \$1,500,000.

FROM FIFTH STORY WINDOW.

Two Girls Fatally Injured While, With Others, Jumping to Escape Death by Suffocation.

Dayton, O., Dec. 19.—To escape death by suffocation, 12 girls leaped from the fifth-story windows of the Canby building, Friday, several of them landing on the roof and skylights of a one-story building adjoining. The others were caught by Dr. Lambert who, by breaking the force of their fall, saved probably six lives. The flames originated in the basement of the building.

Brilliant Social Affair.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—One of the very most brilliant social affairs ever given in St. Louis was the reception, Thursday afternoon at the St. Louis Woman's club to the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

A. H. Barrows Acquitted.

Mount Sterling, Ill., Dec. 19.—In the preliminary trial of A. H. Barrows, charged with being the instigator of the attempt to murder his wife, Mrs. Mary Barrows, by Mrs. Martha Fowler Barrows was acquitted.

Resulted in Reconciliation.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 19.—The finding of Mrs. Anna Armstrong for whipping William Sandford, principal of a city school, who had punished her son, brought about a reconciliation and remarriage with her husband, from whom she was divorced.

Moving Toward Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A traveler who has just returned from Manchuria says that Russian troops are still moving night and day toward Port Arthur.

TWO MEN SHOT TO DEATH

Joseph and Louis Choisser Killed by Los Angeles, Cal., Detectives.

Were Wanted at Equality, Ill., for Obviating Money by False Pretenses and Resisted Arrest.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Trailing to their lodging place and brought to bay within the walls of a small room, Joseph Choisser, aged 50, and Louis Choisser, aged 25, father and son, were shot to death in a battle with Detectives Hawley, Murphy and Cowen late Thursday night. The three officers escaped without injury. Both of the Choissers were killed instantly.

Two telegrams were received by Chief of Police Elkton, Thursday, from Equality, Hardin county, Ill., requesting the arrest of Joe Choisser on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. There was no charge against young Choisser, so far as known. The detectives immediately began search, locating Choisser at the Broxboro lodging house, No. 323 West Fifth street. Shortly after ten o'clock Thursday evening detectives searched the lodging house for the fugitives, and entered without knocking for admittance, opened the door of their room to walk in. The elder Choisser was lying on the bed, and as the officers entered he reached for his pistol. Before he could get it Detective Hawley seized it and wrested it from him. At the same moment Louis Choisser opened fire upon the officers. They returned the fire, killing Joe Choisser instantly. The fire from Louis Choisser became so hot that the officers retreated into the hall. The young man followed them, firing his weapon at Detective Murphy. Before he could take aim for a second shot Murphy and Cowen fired, killing him instantly.

When the clothing of the dead men was searched, \$1,800 was found on Louis Choisser.

ENSHROUVED IN MYSTERY.

The Release of Bank Robber James Dunlap From the Joliet (Ill.) Prison on Parole.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 19.—Much mystery surrounds the release of James Dunlap, the notorious bank robber, from the state penitentiary here. Dunlap, who had been serving a sentence of two years here for a robbery at Watseka, was given his freedom about three weeks ago, but the fact did not come out until today. Details regarding his release are difficult to obtain at this point. There was no one here to meet Dunlap, and he left for Chicago. His parole is made out personally to William A. Pinkerton, of the Pinkerton detective agency at Chicago. The members of the parole board are E. A. Snively, Andrew Russell and Judge Lemon. Judge Lemon was not at the recent meeting of the parole board, being confined at his home by sickness. The Dunlap petition was therefore passed upon by Messrs. Snively and Russell. The only information that could be obtained was the fact that Dunlap was gone, under parole, to the Pinkertons.

Dunlap is known as the "gentlemanly" bank burglar all over the United States. He is now more than 50 years of age. Twenty years ago he robbed the bank of Northampton, Mass., but escaped through political influence and by returning most of the plunder. He secured nearly a million dollars from the Manhattan bank of New York, and has been mixed up in many of the great bank robberies for a quarter of a century.

IS INVITED TO EXPLAIN.

Brig.-Gen. Merriam, Retired, Asked to Explain Alleged Remarks About Gen. Wood's Promotion.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Root has requested Brig.-Gen. H. C. Merriam, retired, to inform the department if he was quoted correctly in an alleged interview in *Democrat*, Thursday, in which he is made to say that the president's appointment of Leonard Wood, to be made major-general, is generally unpopular with army men, and that such appointments tend to unsettle the army and injure its morale. The general was asked to make such explanation as he may deem proper.

BY A FLASH OF FLAME.

One Man Killed and Two Probably Fatally Injured While Opening a Can of Powder.

Avonmore, Pa., Dec. 19.—One man was killed, two probably fatally injured and two more seriously burned by a flash of flame following an attempt to open a can of powder at Edri, a small mining settlement, near here. Fire followed the explosion and three of the men were rescued from the burning building by companions, one of the latter being burned.

CHARLOTTE NOT EVEN ILL.

Denial of the Report That Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meinungen Is Suffering From Cancer.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The report published by the Journal of Paris that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meinungen, sister of Emperor William, is suffering from cancer and that the verdict of the physicians has created consternation in the German court, is officially defined as "nonsense." The princess is not even ill.

Causes Several New Trials.

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 19.—The decision of the supreme court in the Bonner case caused the criminal docket in the circuit court to be arranged and cases already tried at this term reset for new trial.

Four Italians Killed.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 19.—Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured in a dynamite explosion at Gramer. The men were laborers on grading for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh road and were blasting.

ACROSS THE EAST RIVER

New Williamsburg Bridge Across East River, New York, Dedicated.

The New Structure Was Begun in 1896, and, With Approaches, Has Cost About \$21,000,000.

New York, Dec. 20.—The new Williamsburg bridge, the second and greater bridge across East river, connecting the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, was turned over to the city and formally opened Saturday, the dedicatory exercises including military parades from both sides of the river and the meeting in the center of the new bridge of Mayor Low and the Manhattan borough officials, speeches in the plaza at the Brooklyn end of the bridge and a dinner at the Hanover club, Brooklyn. This was followed in the evening by a great water demonstration and naval parade, and a magnificent display of fireworks from the bridge.

The new bridge, construction on which was begun October 28, 1896, is about a mile above the Brooklyn bridge, which it greatly resembles in type and appearance, though much larger. Its length between terminals is 7,200 feet, and its width 118 feet, the Brooklyn bridge being but 85 feet wide. The bridge proper cost about \$11,000,000, and the condemning of land for approaches brought the total cost to about \$21,000,000.

BACK TO ALEXANDRETTA.

Rear-Admiral Cotton Takes Consul Davis Back to His Post On Board the San Francisco.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—Rear-Admiral Cotton left Beirut Friday on board the cruiser San Francisco, taking Consul Davis to Alexandretta, which place Mr. Davis left, as announced December 8, because he had been insulted and assaulted by the local police while accompanying on board a departing steamer a naturalized American named Attarian, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of the consul. United States Minister Lelshman has informally discussed the Alexandretta incident with Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, but he has not yet presented a formal demand for reparation. The officials show a desire to arrive at a settlement of the affair.

OLD RED CLOUD DYING.

The Celebrated Old Sioux Chief Passing Away At His Home In Pine Ridge, S. D.

Pine Ridge, S. D., Dec. 20.—Red Cloud, the celebrated Sioux chief, is dying in a tepee in a corner of the yard surrounding the little wooden house which the government built for him here years ago. He is 55 years old, almost blind, scarcely able to read and so secluded in mind and feeble his death is likely to occur at any hour.

CUNARD WON OUT.

The Campanian's Mails Delivered in London Ahead of Those Carried By the St. Louis.

London, Dec. 20.—The Cunard line steamer Campanian, which sailed from New York, December 12, and arrived at Queenstown Friday, easily won this week's mail race. Her letters were distributed by the first delivery Saturday morning while the mails of the American line steamer St. Louis, which left New York, December 12, two hours before the Campanian, were only delivered at 1:30 Saturday afternoon.

FROM ADMIRAL GLASS.

Report That the Colombian Force Has Left the Mouth of the Attrato River.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Rear-Admiral Glass, at Panama, to the effect that, according to a report which has just reached him from a steamer, the small force of Colombian troops which had been discovered at the mouth of the Attrato river had sailed to the northward in a Colombian gunboat. Admiral Glass has not been able to verify the report.

TOO MANY CHRISTMAS TREES.

Philadelphia Dealers Make a Bonanza of Forty Thousand in Order to Push Up Prices.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—High finance has entered into the Santa Claus business. Realizing that with a demand for but 50,000 Christmas trees and 80,000 on hand they would lose money, wholesale dealers here are said to have combined their interests, and had 30 carloads of spruce pines taken to the outskirts of the city and burned. There were upwards of 40,000 trees in the pyre, leaving but 40,000 to be sold. Prices have already boomed from 75 cents to \$3; from \$1.50 to \$5, and dealers expect to get \$8 per tree before Christmas day.

Gov. Yates Refuses Requisition.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—Gov. Yates today refused to honor the requisition of the governor of Arizona for the return to Phoenix of Dr. Philip S. Webster, who was wanted there on the charge of embezzlement.

Left a Comfortable Estate.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—An inventory of the estate of Aloise Wohler, the St. Louis restaurant proprietor who died a few weeks ago, filed with the probate court yesterday, shows a total of \$107,594.70. Eighteen years ago he started with next to nothing.

Ordered to Leave Town.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 20.—The city council and police department, Friday night, ordered Max Mallish, of Denver, a prominent labor leader, and President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, to leave the city on the next train. Both obeyed the order.

John Kernell, Comedian.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—John Kernell, the veteran Irish comedian, who has been lying at death's door at Grace hospital, all week, died, Friday, suffering from acute nephritis.

GEOGRAPHICAL TAFFY.

Rare Distinction of the Town Was Not in Line with the Expectations of the People.

"What town is this?" asked the eminent statesman, who, relates the Chicago Tribune, was making a political tour of the province.

"Ionia," he told him. The eminent statesman stepped out to the rear platform of the gorgeous private car in which he was traveling. "My countrymen," he said, impressively, "to the cheering throng at the station, 'your beautiful and thriving young city has a rare distinction. Independently of its commerce and manufactures, independently of its charming location, independently, I may add, of the stalwart men and fair women who inhabit it, so many of whom I see before me—not forgetting these bright and winsome young children who are also here, the hope and mainstay of the republic—independently, I say, of all these, your lovely city—"

Here he became truly eloquent. His eyes flashed, his voice rang out in clarion tones, and he shook his clenched fist at the zenith.

"—has the rare distinction of bearing a name that has only five letters, and yet has four syllables!"

The applause, as the train moved away, was simply deafening.

AN EXPERT.

He Wanted a Confidential Clerkship Because He Could Be Very Confidential.

Secretary Shaw says that shortly after he assumed his duties as head of the treasury department, he was called upon by an old gentleman from his own state of Iowa, who wanted an appointment as confidential clerk to one of the assistant secretaries of that department.

"In spite of the fact that I was very busy at the time," says Mr. Shaw, "I gave the Iowa man the better part of an hour, for he was so pleasant and entertaining an old chap as one could meet—bright, chipper and witty."

On account of his age, the secretary felt that he could not comply with the request. So, gently but firmly, he informed him that he did not see his way clear to give him the appointment. This did not dampen the old gentleman's spirit in the least.

"Now, sir," said he, "as I feel myself peculiarly well qualified to fill one of these confidential clerkships, I hope that you will consider my application further."

Then, wagging his head most impressively, he added earnestly:

"Oh, sir, I could be so confidential!"

Good Track, Good Trains, Good Time.

In each of these the New York Central is not surpassed, as thousands will attest. Travelers between the West and the East will find it to their advantage to use the New York Central which, in point of time, equipment, roadbed, dining car service and secure attractions is first among the railroads of the world.

Sent a two-cent stamp to George H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent, Grand Central Station, New York, for a copy of the illustrated Catalogue of the New York Central's "Four Track Series."

"Here, take this rifle," cried the excited showman. "The leopard has escaped. When you find him, shoot him in the spot." "Which spot, sir?" gasped the green circus hand.—Scribe.

Capitalization has proved to be a somewhat unsatisfactory substitute for capital.—Puck.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

"Iolide of Potassium." "How long was she sick?"—Cornell Widow.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

The downward road is not so downy.—Chicago Tribune.

All creameries use butter color. Why not do as they do—use June Tint Butter Color.

Silks and satins put out the kitchen fire.—Poor Richard.

Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga.,

tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, and escaped the surgeon's knife, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The universal indications of the approach of woman's great enemy, inflammation and disease of the ovaries, are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. On examination it may be found that the region of pain will show some swelling. This is the first stage of inflammation of the ovaries.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life.

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation.

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for ten weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now.

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—Miss ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.

Another woman saved from a surgical operation by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Read what she says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. If it had not been for your medicine, I think I would have died.

"I will tell you how I suffered. I could hardly walk, was unable to sleep or eat. Menstruation was irregular. At last I had to stay in my bed, and flowed so badly that they sent for a doctor, who said I had inflammation of the ovaries, and must go through an operation, as no medicine could help me, but I could not do that.

"I received a little book of yours, and after reading it, I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am now a well woman. I shall praise your medicine as